ELECTRICAL SECRETARIAT

Sanctions certain proposals of the Chief Electrical Engineer regarding modifications in the Hire Purchase System.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 4169-73—L. R. 109-25-4, dated the 19th February 1926, sanctioning the proposals of the Chief Electrical Engineer to stock 12 small electrically driven centrifugal pumps to deliver about 1,500 gallons per hour for pumping water for irrigation purposes from wells along the banks of the Arkavathi river.

2. Government Order No. E. D. S. 8-10, dated the 2nd July 1930, sanctioning the proposal of the Chief Electrical Engineer to levy an interest of 7 per cent on overdue instalments of advances from the hirers of electrical pumping sets when only extension of time is granted up to a period of three months and of a penal interest of 9 per cent when payments are not made even after the extension of time granted.

3. Government Order No. E. D. S. 747-50, dated the 15th December 1931, approving of the proposal of the Chief Electrical Engineer to the amount of the initial deposit recoverable from purchasers of electrically driven irrigation pumps being reduced from Rs. 200 to Rs. 100, the balance being recovered in equal annual instalments of Rs. 100 with 6 per cent interest thereon.

4. Government Order No. E. D. S. 2004-06, dated the 16th February 1937, sanctioning the reduction of the penal rate of interest of 9 per cent per annum to 8 per cent per annum.

5. Government Order No. E. D. S. 661-63, dated the 7th October 1937, reducing the interest chargeable on the balance of amount due from the holders of irrigation pumps from 6 per cent to 5 per cent per annum.

6. Government Order No. E. D. S. 3040-51, dated the 24th June 1939, sanctioning for a period of two years the reduction of interest from 5 to 4 per cent per annum on the balance of amount due from the holders of irrigation pumps.

7. Government Order No. E. D. S. 4109-11, dated the 19th—23rd March 1943, sanctioning the continuance of the reduced rate of interest sanctioned in the Government Order read in para 6 above till the end of the official year 1943-44.

8. Government Order No. E. D. S. 669-71, dated the 25th August 1944, sanctioning the continuance of the above rate for a further period of one year from 1st July 1944.

9. Letter No. E. C. Agri. 381—44-45, dated the 6th November 1944, from the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, requesting among other things orders of Government on the resolution of the Board which reads as hereunder:—

"Resolved that the present terms of sale under the Hire Purchase System be relaxed so that the first instalment be Rs. 100 and the balance payable in four equal annual instalments."

10. Letter No. 14895, dated the 23rd December 1944, from the Chief Electrical Engineer suggesting that the undermentioned modifications may be made in the hire purchase system with a view to safeguard both the interest of the department and of the hirer of the pumping set:—

(*i*) The hirer should apply for the pump to the Deputy Commissioner of the District, who after making sufficient enquiries regarding the solvency of the applicant and the ownership of the lands the hirer proposes irrigating, will forward the application to the Electrical Department for necessary action.

(*ii*) The Electrical Department will, on the strength of the opinion of the Revenue authorities, permit the hiring of the pump.

(*iii*) In view of the above enquiries, the collateral security required as per existing rules may be dispensed with.

(*iv*) The hirer should make a deposit of Rs. 100 in the first instance towards the cost of the pump and the balance amount in annual instalments of Rs. 100 with interest at 4 per cent per annum.

(*v*) If the hirer is in arrears of an instalment, one month's time will be given. If he does not pay, the Deputy Commissioner, on intimation of the default, will take measures for the recovery of the amount due as arrears of land revenue.

(*vi*) If the Deputy Commissioner reports the amount in default is irrecoverable, the Chief Electrical Engineer may be permitted to write off losses to the extent of Rs. 100 in each case.

(*vii*) After the above terms are accepted, arrangements will be made to stock a suitable number of pumps.

11. Un-official Memo No. C9. 2403 of 44-45, dated the 19th January 1945, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore stating that he has no objection to the proposals of the Chief Electrical Engineer contained in paras 1, 5 and 6.

ORDER No. E. D. S. 2961-78, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST FEBRUARY 1945.

After a careful consideration of the matter, Government are pleased to approve of the proposals of the Chief Electrical Engineer read in para 10 above.

2. The Chief Electrical Engineer is requested to forward for approval a draft hire purchase agreement, after incorporating the above proposals.

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